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In re Application of:	)	
Douglas Bryan Cole et al.	)	
Serial No. 10/058,632	) Examiner Kona	ata M. George
Filing Date: January 28, 2002	) Group Art Unit No. 1616	
For: ION-SENSITIVE, WATER- DISPERSIBLE POLYMERS, A METHOD OF MAKING SAME AND ITEMS USING SAME	) ) )	•

## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED REFERENCE TO PRIORITY CLAIM

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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed reference to Applicant's claim for the benefit of a prior-filed international application. The required reference to prior-filed U.S. Patent

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Application Serial No. 09/564,939, having a filing date of May 4, 2000 was due by May 28, 2002, four months from the filing date of this Divisional application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)(i), the required reference has been added to the specification by the Amendment After Notice of Allowance Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)(ii), the surcharge of \$1,330.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t) is submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)(iii), Applicant hereby states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the present was unintentional.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with this petition or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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